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Records of the Office of the Adviser to the President on American Jewish Affairs: A Guide to Its Records at the Jimmy Carter Library

Collection Summary

<u>Creator</u>: Office of the Adviser to the President on American Jewish Affairs

<u>Title</u>: Records of the Office of the Adviser to the President on American Jewish Affairs

Dates: 1978-1980

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Identification:

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Scope and Content:

The files consist of correspondence, memoranda, notes, briefing materials, speeches, press releases, news clippings and miscellaneous printed materials that represent the function of this office. These materials illustrate how the office formulated administration policies for the White House in establishing support for the Carter Administration's policies among American Jewish leaders and Jewish organizations.

These files document how the Adviser to the President for Jewish Affairs worked with Jewish leaders and organizations on issues including U.S. aid to Israel; the Camp David negotiations; the overall Middle East situation; coordinating commemorations of the Holocaust; Soviet and East European Jews emigration to other nations; and assisting in the drafting of the Executive Order establishing a special Justice Department unit to investigate alleged Nazi war criminals residing in the U.S.

Creator Information: Office of the Adviser to the President on American Jewish Affairs

The Administration considered the American Jewish community a key constituency whose support was critical to the outcome of the 1980 presidential election. Ed Sanders and Alfred Moses both served as advisors to the President on American Jewish affairs and as liaisons to the Jewish community. Ed Sanders served as adviser from July 1978, until early March 1980, when he was succeeded by Al Moses, who served until the end of

the administration. The function of this office is to address the various concerns of American Jewish leaders, organizations, and individuals.

As liaison, Sanders represented administration policy toward Israel and addressed the concerns of Jewish Americans who disagreed with the approach the administration was taking to secure a settlement between Israel and the Arab nations. Moses in particular played an active role during the 1980 presidential campaign in attempting to solidify American Jewish support for the administration's Middle East policies. Although Sanders and Moses dealt with some of the substantive aspects of the Middle East treaties, their office primarily served a public outreach function and was not directly involved in the formulation of foreign policy.

Biographical information on key office personnel is located at the end of the finding aid.

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Related materials in this repository: Domestic Policy Staff: Eizenstat; Carter-Mondale Campaign Committee Director's and Issues Office

Index Terms:

Persons: Edward Sanders, Alfred Moses, Sara Seanor, Marc Grossman

Organizations: Jewish Community Services, Jewish Federation, Jewish Organizations

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Places: Israel; Middle East; Camp David

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Alfred Moses' Subject Files

Scope and Content: Containers 1-17. This series was opened in July 1989. This series contains correspondence, memoranda, publications, briefing agendas, appointment requests, telegrams, requests, telegrams, telephone messages, notes, speech drafts, invitations, photographs and press clippings. This material relates to the White House efforts to establish support for administration policies among American Jewish leaders and organizations. The foreign policy briefings were prepared to inform Jewish Americans on such topics as U.S. aid to Israel, the Camp David negotiations and the overall situation in the Middle East. Arranged alphabetically by folder title.

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Scope and Content: Containers 21-22. This series opened in July 1989. This series contains correspondence, memoranda, briefing material, notes, telegrams, telephone messages and news clippings. Arranged alphabetically by folder title.

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Container 21

F-15 Sales and Other Military, 5/9/80-11/17/80 Grossman, Marc - Chronological File, 4/6/80-10/24/80 Haitians and Cubans, 4/23/80-7/7/80 Hassidic Community in Brooklyn, 4/10/80-10/10/80 Human Rights and Immigration, 11/2/79-11/7/80 Israel, 8/7/80-10/30/80 Jerusalem / Israeli Settlements, 3/3/80-10/24/80

Container 22

Media, 6/20/80-11/13/80 Memos to Tom Belford, 4/4/80-10/24/80 Memorandum of Agreement – Oil, 5/8/80-8/19/80 Miscellaneous, 5/27/80-10/27/80 Negotiations, 5/14/80-8/19/80 Office of Special Investigations, 3/17/80-8/7/80 Oil for Israel, 5/8/80-10/24/80 Saudi Arabia, 5/9/80-7/23/80 Stohlar, Michael, 6/24/80-7/31/80 United Nations Matters, 5/7/80-8/12/80 Women's Conference, 4/25/80-10/29/80

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Edward Sanders' Memoranda Files

Scope and Content: Container 1. This series opened in July 1989. This series contains notes, memoranda, appointment schedules, visitor lists, speech drafts, organization lists, briefing papers, meeting agendas and resumes. This material primarily deals with routine internal notes dealing with Sanders' duties as liaison. Arranged chronologically.

Container List:

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Edward Sanders' Correspondence Files

Scope and Content: Containers 1-3. This series opened July 1989. This series contains correspondence, letters, notes, telegrams, publications, news clippings, invitations and resumes. This material mainly relates to correspondence received primarily from Jewish citizens and organizations. Also included are official replies to the comments, requests, suggestions and inquiries expressed in the correspondence. Arranged chronologically.

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Container 1

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Container 2

9/4/78-5/1/79

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5/2/79-3/28/80

Edward Sanders' Press Files

Scope and Content: Container 3. This series was opened in July 1989. This series contains newspaper and magazine clippings, publications; press booklets, press summaries, radio and television broadcast transcripts and press releases. This material relates to issues which concern the Jewish community. Arranged chronologically.

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Biographical Note – Edward Sanders

Edward Sanders served as President of the American Israeli Public Affairs Committee from 1975-1976. In 1976, he was the Deputy National Campaign Director for the Carter campaign. He served as Senior Advisor to the President for Jewish Affairs from July 1978 until early March 1980. In 1980, he returned to his Los Angeles firm and worked for the Carter/Mondale reelection campaign.

Biographical Note –Alfred H. Moses

Alfred H. Moses was born in 1929 in Baltimore, Maryland. He received his B.A. at Dartmouth College. He served in the military as Lieutenant, U.S. Navy and was assigned to National Security Agency as analyst in Chinese affairs and military communication from 1952-1956. In 1956, he earned his J.D. at Georgetown Law Center. From 1970-1971 he was an advisor for the District of Columbia government. In 1977, he served as Chairman of the Negotiating Committee for the Business Roundtable. He served as Special Advisor to President Carter for Jewish Affairs, from early 1980-1981. In 1981, he returned to the private law practice firm of Covington and Burling, in Washington, D.C.